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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121) MAILED SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

#### i. **Introductory Comments**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on September 26, 2005, Applicant hereby resubmits the entire "Amendments to the Claims" section of the Amendment response previously filed September 19, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.